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### **NOAA'S GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is seeking applicants for vacant primary and alternate sanctuary advisory council seats.

Open seats include:

- at – large for San Francisco/San Mateo Counties (alternate)
- education (primary and alternate)
- maritime activities/recreational (primary and alternate)
- research (primary and alternate)

Applicants are chosen based on their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Terms run for either two or three years, and members will serve without pay. The advisory council meets on average once every quarter, depending on issues. Current seat holders may re-apply.

The Gulf of the Farallones Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in 2001 to provide advice on management and protection of the sanctuary. The council, through its members, also represents community interests and concerns to sanctuary management and NOAA.

An advisory council member application package may be obtained by contacting Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, (415) 561-6622, or [farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html](http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html). Completed applications should be mailed to:

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary  
ATTN - Sanctuary Advisory Council Applications  
Building 201 Fort Mason  
San Francisco, CA 94123

Applications must be received by Aug. 15, 2006.

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary was established in 1981 to protect the near-shore waters of the California Coast north and west of San Francisco. The sanctuary includes nursery and spawning grounds for commercially important species, over 36 species of marine mammals and 13 species of breeding seabirds. The Farallon Islands contain the largest concentration of breeding seabirds in the contiguous United States. Key habitats include coastal beaches, rocky shores, mud and tidal flats, salt marsh, estuaries and pelagic waters. Additionally, the area within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary north of the San Mateo/Santa Cruz county boundary is administered by the Gulf of the Farallones sanctuary.

The NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program, which manages the Cordell Bank sanctuary, seeks to increase the public awareness of America's marine resources and maritime heritage by conducting scientific research, monitoring, exploration and educational programs. Today, the sanctuary program manages 13 national marine sanctuaries and one marine national monument that together encompass more than 150,000 square miles of America's ocean and Great Lakes natural and cultural resources.

In 2007, NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, celebrates 200 years of science and service to the nation. From the establishment of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in the 1870s, much of America's scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of the nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners and more than 60 countries to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes.

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On the Internet:

NOAA - <http://www.noaa.gov>

National Ocean Service - <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov>

National Marine Sanctuary Program - <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary – <http://farallones.noaa.gov>